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### TRUSTEES' MEETING

Thursday, January 23, 1913.  
Members all present. Minutes of  
last regular meeting read and ap-  
proved.

Resolutions of board passed at last  
meeting to pay half the cost of fire  
hydrants on Gardena avenue rescind-  
ed and further consideration post-  
poned.

Communication of Mr. C. A. Ban-  
croft to Los Angeles Board of Fire  
Insurance Underwriters, calling for  
suggestions as to supplying needs of  
Tropico for better protection from fire  
read and laid on table.

Petition of resident property own-  
ers on Acacia avenue for change in  
grade of that street from Glendale  
avenue to Mariposa street read and  
laid on table.

Ordinance No. 52, granting fran-  
chise to Southern California Gas com-  
pany, a corporation, to lay pipe and  
distribute gas in the city of Tropico,  
read a third time and adopted. Ordinance  
published in column of legal  
notice on another page of this paper.

Bid of Pacific Light and Power Cor-  
poration for franchise to lay poles and  
wires for electric light and power ser-  
vice in the city of Tropico, the only  
bid filed, was opened and read. The  
bid, offering \$100.00 for the franchise,  
was accepted, and resolution to that  
effect adopted.

Deed for strip of land to straighten  
Blanche avenue at its termination on  
Palmer avenue accepted and Resolu-  
tion of Intention No. 119, to vacate  
and abandon a portion of that street  
and improve same read and adopted.  
Resolution published in column of legal  
notice on another page of to-  
day's Sentinel.

W. G. Black of Citizens' Committee  
to provide temporary quarters for fire  
extinguishing apparatus, reported the  
receipt of an offer from Mrs. Rosetta  
J. Light of a suitable piece of ground  
on her premises near by at a nominal  
price.

City engineer reported his estimate  
of the cost of the acquisition of land  
and the construction thereon of a pub-  
lic building for use as a fire engine  
house and other municipal purposes,  
and the acquisition of fire extinguish-  
ing apparatus, to be \$25,000.

Resolution No. 118 read and adopted  
determining that the public interests  
demand the acquisition of a fire en-  
gine and other fire apparatus, engine  
house and building for other municipal  
purposes and that cost of same will  
be too great to be paid out of the or-  
dinary revenue of the city.

Resolution adopted that the thanks  
of the city of Tropico be and are here-  
by extended the city of Glendale for  
the prompt, generous and efficient  
assistance rendered by its fire depart-  
ment in arresting the spread of de-  
structive flames at the fire which oc-  
curred last Tuesday night in this city,  
and that, as a slight token of appre-  
ciation of the service rendered, the  
sum of \$25 is hereby appropriated out  
of the city's general fund and or-  
dered transmitted to the Glendale  
fire department.

Resolution adopted authorizing the  
city clerk to advertise for bids for  
furnishing the city with 350 feet of  
fire hose.

### CARD OF THANKS

To the Citizens of Tropico:  
We wish to extend our heartfelt  
thanks to all who gave us assistance  
at the time of the destruction of our  
home by fire. We especially thank  
those who gave us shelter and food.  
We feel that the people of Tropico re-  
sponded nobly to our call for help and  
we deeply appreciate it.  
Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Becker and Family.

### TROPICO'S DESTRUCTIVE FIRE SUBDUED

Glendale and East Los Angeles De-  
partments to the Rescue and Great-  
er Destruction Averted

The burning of the Jennings black-  
smith shop, the Moniot pool room and  
Hunter's plumbing shop, early last  
Wednesday morning, was the most  
serious calamity from the elements  
any of the townsmen of Tropico have  
yet had to suffer, when estimated in  
dollars and cents of value. The prop-  
erty destroyed was situated in the very  
heart of the congested business section  
of the city. The buildings were wood-  
en and flanked on either side with  
structures of like inflammable material  
in close proximity. On the north, some-  
what detached, was the frame resi-  
dence of Mr. H. A. Jennings and fam-  
ily. On the South, the Japanese tin-  
der-box store and boarding house, and  
on to the Southwest other frame  
buildings and a hay barn full of hay.  
The space burned over has a frontage  
of about one hundred feet on the West  
side of the San Fernando road. The  
frame residence of Mr. H. A. Jennings  
escaped with a few blisters. The Jap-  
anese boarding house was almost  
equally fortunate. That either build-  
ing was not swept away before the  
blasts of heat is marvelous. Indeed  
that the entire row is not in ashes is  
a standing witness to the splendid  
work of Tropico's band of fire-fighters  
under the management and direction  
of J. W. Gould, City Marshal and acting  
Chief of the Fire Department. It  
was he who first saw and gave the  
alarm of "fire" from his office in the  
City Hall. Rushing into the street  
he fired several shots from his revolver,  
and, returning to the city tele-  
phone started the Tile Works whistle  
blowing its shrill signal of alarm.  
With assistance soon at hand he had  
his chemical engine and fire hose on  
the scene and in action. With the  
hose attached to the fire plug at the  
corner on Tropico Avenue he soon  
had a lively stream of water playing  
on the burning blacksmith shop.

Almost simultaneously with Mar-  
shal Gould's first alarm the fire was  
discovered by the inmates of the Jen-  
nings residence, Mr. H. A. Jennings  
and his brother, Charles, who flew to  
the assistance of the Marshal and the  
few who had gathered and were tug-  
ging at the hose.  
But the flames had gained too great  
a headway to leave any chance to  
more than check their ferocity, delay  
their spread, and confine them to the  
buildings immediately contiguous to  
each other—the blacksmith's shop,  
the pool room building and plumbing  
shop annex, practically all under the  
same roof. Little or no wind was  
blowing. What little there was came  
from the East, as indicated by the  
floating of cinders carried up by the  
heat away to Westward. But, while

the Tropico boys were doing heroic  
deeds and their efforts to confine the  
flames to the buildings upon which  
the Fates had fore-doomed them to  
feed, was promising, it was decided  
to take no chance on their getting  
away to sweep to destruction every  
other building in the block, but call  
in outside assistance. This was done.  
Glendale and East Los Angeles both  
responded. The Glendale department  
first, with City Marshal Miller and  
Assistant Engineer in attendance.  
Their arrival was greeted with a  
mighty cheer. In less time than it  
takes to tell it, their engines were at  
work and the beginning of the end  
was in sight. The presence of the  
Glendale Department was just begin-  
ning to be felt when the equipment of  
Los Angeles Fire Department No. 1,  
East Los Angeles, shot in upon the  
scene. In exactly nine minutes from  
the receipt of their summons more  
than covered a distance of four and a  
half miles and in three minutes more  
had settled down to effective work.  
The story was soon told. A hole had  
been made in the row of frames and  
half burned boards and timbers, and  
smouldering embers.

It was a common saying with ev-  
erybody that "if ever a fire starts in  
that row of frames, the whole thing  
will go." For once everybody was  
fooled. All due to skillful manage-  
ment and the determination and dar-  
ing of Tropico's sturdy band of fire-  
fighters, the naming of whom would  
be the calling of the roll of its young  
men, with "Billy" Gould at their head.  
The whole matter was summed up in  
a neat speech by City Marshal Gould  
the following morning:

"The boys from Glendale certainly  
did good work. They were there ev-  
ery minute and if it had not been for  
their assistance this department the en-  
tire block would have been destroyed.  
The Los Angeles boys did fine work,  
too. And last but not least by a long  
way, was the work done by the local  
boys. I never saw anything like the  
way our boys worked. Some of the  
boys came direct from parties that  
were being held near by and notwith-  
standing their 'glad rags,' they turned  
in with a will and fought like de-  
mons. It certainly was good to see  
them and be one of them. Had Trop-  
ico had a good set of apparatus there  
would have been no need of going for  
outside help."

As it was the losses were serious  
enough though it is a matter of sin-  
cere congratulation that of half a  
million imperiled the loss is limited  
to a few thousand.

The principal losers are H. A. Jen-  
nings and his son, D. A. Jennings, pro-  
prietors of the blacksmith and wagon  
shop. Loss, building and contents,  
completely equipped with modern ma-  
chinery and stocked with hardwood  
lumber, estimated by Mr. Jennings,  
Sr., at about \$8,000.00. It represented  
the accumulations of twelve years of  
toil, perseverance, economy and self-  
denial. No insurance. It is a hard  
blow but borne with cheerful submis-  
sion.

The pool-room building and plumb-  
ing shop annex was the property of  
John A. Logan. It was an old shell  
and of little value. No insurance.

The contents of the pool room,  
Emil Moniot, owner, and Julius Mon-  
iot, Manager, consisting of five pool  
tables, show cases, etc., were saved,  
but somewhat injured in moving.  
Loss estimated at \$300.00. No insur-  
ance.

Charles S. Hunter's loss is next se-  
verest; estimated at \$1,200.00, em-  
bracing almost everything the shop  
contained, which was in the pool-  
room building annex on the south.  
No insurance.

On accepting the office of City  
Building Inspector, Charles D. Jen-  
nings gave up his plumbing business,  
and stored his stock of fixtures, etc.,  
in the rear of Hunter's shop. This  
was included in the loss and is esti-  
mated at about \$300.00. No insurance.

Charles D. Jennings is the brother  
of H. A. Jennings, and it would seem  
that the fates had singled them out  
as the special victims of the calamity.  
Fatalists would look at it that way,  
and in the absence of any known or  
positive explanation of its origin, per-  
haps that is the only way to look at it.

Were it not known that the Jen-  
nings' haven't an enemy in the world  
there might be some reason to sus-  
pect the shop to have been set afire.  
Then again were it not known that,  
in view of the imminent danger of  
destruction to surrounding property  
running into hundreds of thousands,  
extra precautions were used to pre-  
vent a fire from starting, there might  
be some excuse for the idea that the  
start of the fire was the result of care-  
lessness.

We must dismiss the subject, there-  
fore, with the conclusion that the fire  
originated in and is due to unaccount-  
able and undiscernable accident  
thanking our stars that consequences  
were no worse.

Random Fire Notes  
The cry of "fire! fire! fire!" at mid-  
night has all the elements of the knell  
of doom, and is just about as wel-  
come.

One of the things to be thankful  
for is that no one was burned out of  
a home by last Wednesday morning's  
disastrous fire.

It was spectacular in the superla-  
tive, was the fire. It was witnessed  
by hundreds of the anxious citizens  
of Tropico. Every minute of it fur-  
nished a thrill of excitement.

The Davis Grocery Company passed  
out sandwiches and coffee to the fire-  
fighters. After a four hours' struggle  
with the demon of destruction they  
were in a humor to enjoy the hospi-  
tality of their thoughtful host.

The Japanese boys proved them-  
selves efficient aids in the struggle  
against the spread of the flames that  
threatened their boarding-house. In-  
deed everybody helped. "Everybody  
worked but father," and felt rewarded  
for his pains and blisters.

The cement floor of the old shop  
was scarcely cool before the debris  
was removed and Mr. Jennings had  
his forge-fire started and business re-  
sumed; a small space was boarded  
in and his part in the "Any Chorus"  
again heard in the great symphony  
of the world's work.

It is understood that Charlie Hun-  
ter will have a plumbing shop of his  
own as soon as he can secure a site  
for it a reasonable figure. For the  
present he will occupy a room in the

Meyers block opposite his old stand.  
The most of the tools of his trade  
were saved, so he will not be delayed  
in completing his contracts of which  
he has a number on hand.

Lieut. W. C. Brass, of Hose Co. No.  
1, with Firemen Otto Schmucker, D.  
H. Rhodes and Frank Lalonde, of the  
Los Angeles Fire Department covered  
the distance from their station at 113  
S. Griffin Avenue, to the scene of the  
fire in exactly 9 minutes from the in-  
stant of the call. Their equipment  
consists of combination hose and  
chemical carriage, engine and force  
pump, 1000 feet of hose, one 60-gallon  
tank; two 3-gallon Babcock chemi-  
cals; 20-foot extension ladder, and  
one 8-foot roof ladder. The Lieuten-  
ant is warm in the praise of the work  
of the Tropico boys. With their facili-  
ties they had done more than could be  
reasonably expected of veterans.  
Had the call been sent him on the  
discovery of the fire it would never  
have gone beyond the blacksmith  
shop. He would have wrecked the fire-  
building and smothered the flames.  
But to do that the Tropico boys must  
have been equipped with the tools  
for the job. If it should ever occur  
that Tropico boys want his assistance  
again, all they have to do is to send  
in a call. The Lieutenant has had  
fourteen years experience as a fire-  
fighter and may be depended upon in  
the worst emergency.

There are over one hundred men in  
the Brotherhood organizations of the  
Methodist and Presbyterian Churches  
of Highland Park.

The City of Burbank is to have a  
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## NEW STEAMSHIP LINE ASSURED FOR HARBOR

Boston Asks Los Angeles to Assist in Working Out Plan to Link New England and Southern California

## CAPTURE COAST TRADE

Commissioner Returns from Extended Trip in Which He Visited Principal Ports of United States—Says City Must Clinch Commerce When Panama Canal Opens.

That a line of steamships is to ply between Boston and Los Angeles harbor, bringing the manufactured goods of New England and distributing the southwestern states and returning with citrus fruits and other local products, is one of the discoveries made by Harbor Commissioner C. M. Gordon in his recent inspection of eastern harbors. Gordon was told of this plan by Admiral Bowles in Boston who urged that Los Angeles officials do all in their power to assist.

Boston, says Gordon, hopes to become a sea power by developing its coastwise trade. New York has most of the foreign commerce and intends to hang onto it, but Boston is going to beat her to the coastwise trade that will result from the opening of the Panama canal if she can.

## May Make Coaling Station

Another special advantage to Los Angeles harbor that Gordon sees in the opening of the Panama canal is coal at \$4 a ton, delivered. This coal, he says, will come from the magnificent natural harbor of Pensacola, Florida, through the canal to Los Angeles harbor. He recommends that Los Angeles harbor be made a coaling station for vessels. He believes it can become the greatest coal port on the Pacific, as well as the great oil port. The Salt Lake railroad, he declares, intends to build huge coal bunkers at the port for Utah coal but he says the city can go the railroad one or two better in that matter.

If Los Angeles is not ready to handle the commerce that comes through the Panama canal when it first opens to these shores, but allows it to enter the country by other ports, it will be a herculean task to bring the trade to the port later, Gordon says.

In his tour of inspection Gordon visited the harbors of Chicago, Cleveland, Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Norfolk, Savannah, Jacksonville, Pensacola, Mobile, New Orleans, Houston and Galveston.

## Ownership of Wharves

Of these ports he found Chicago and Toledo harbor fringes privately owned and these cities had spent nothing at all on harbor development. The federal government has done some work at both places.

At Cleveland he found most of the frontage owned by railroads and corporations, but Cleveland is awakening to the necessity of municipal ownership of its frontage and is fighting to get control.

At Boston the principal wharves are owned by the railroads but the state owns a wharf 1200 feet long and 400 feet wide and will build more.

New York with its 500 miles of water frontage left such a confused impression of immensity with Gordon that he found it next to impossible to compare it with any other harbor he saw. New York city has bought water frontage worth \$20,000,000 from private corporations and has spent \$100,000,000 in harbor development. It plans to spend \$50,000,000 more very soon.

## Where Baltimore Leads

Philadelphia has spent \$3,000,000 and proposes to spend \$5,000,000 more in the near future. The federal government, the state of Pennsylvania and Philadelphia all join in developing this harbor.

Baltimore has spent \$6,000,000 in municipal docks and is preparing to spend \$5,000,000 more. It has 20 miles of wharf frontage.

At practically all of the more important ports Gordon found it the policy to reduce wharf rates and fees to the minimum, especially where the municipality was in control. This was done on the theory that by taking the tax off commerce the community profited more from the general prosperity following than commerce than it did by high wharf rates.

## CITY RECEIVES OFFER FOR MONOLITH MILL

Syndicate Makes Proposal to Pay Part Cash for Cement Plant—Municipality Unable to Accept.

If the city will accept \$75,000 cash and agree to take half the remainder in cement and half cash, during a period of years, it may sell the aqueduct cement mill at Monolith to a syndicate represented by E. W. Bannister. These terms were offered by him to the aqueduct advisory board yesterday, but were not accepted, because the mill must be sold for cash at auction.

Bannister said his clients were prepared to pay \$75,000 down and agree to furnish the city cement for all purposes, aggregating between 80,000 and 100,000 barrels a year on the average, at \$1.75 a barrel at the mill. The offer did not appear attractive to the officials, because of the legal requirements for a sale for cash at the minimum price \$550,000.

Chief Engineer Mulholland reported that the state engineer is not progressing with his plan to take the mill over for state highway purposes. It is believed the present inability to sell the highway bonds because they bear only a 4 per cent interest rate is halting the state officials in their plans to take over the plant.

Contracts have been signed by the board of public works and the Los Angeles Bridge & Construction company for the construction of a sanitary sewer and storm sewer in Fries street, Wilmington, from Bryant street to the water front, a distance of about 1105 feet. The aggregate cost will be \$7300.

Minor changes in the method of collecting city taxes were made to conform to a recently adopted state constitutional amendment by amendments to the present ordinance adopted yesterday by the council.

Proceedings for the proposed opening of New High street from Franklin street to North Broadway will not be instituted until a petition representing 51 per cent of the frontage in the proposed assessment district is presented asking for the improvement, according to the decision of the council taken yesterday on recommendation of the streets committee.

The improvement was asked for in a petition from the N. E. W. Commercial and Improvement association.

Hearings on the applications of the Southern Pacific company for 18 spur permits, mostly in the vicinity of River station, was postponed by the council until Feb. 11, at the request of the board of public utilities.

"Los Angeles Harbor and Other American Ports" is the subject for discussion by Christopher M. Gordon, harbor commissioner, before the City club at its regular weekly luncheon at the Angelus hotel next Saturday at noon.

## FRANCHISE FORFEITED SAYS CITY ATTORNEY

Council Committee Given Ruling on Railway's Illegal Occupancy of Covina Line Crossing on Fremont and Zonal.

That the Pacific Electric has forfeited its franchise to cross streets on its Covina line from the point where it branches from the Pasadena short line to the east city limits, is the ruling of John W. Shenk, city attorney, in an opinion sent to the council and now before the legislation committee.

The question was brought up by the controversy over the crossings at Tremont street and Zonal avenue, which were dedicated since the railway line was constructed. It was claimed, however, that the railway tracks had been laid, through an error, off the company's right-of-way and this was not disputed by the corporation, which held that all that was necessary to preserve its rights would be to move the tracks a few feet to its private right-of-way.

In looking up this question, the city attorney found that the line was maintained by virtue of a franchise for 30 years granted the San Gabriel Valley Rapid Transit railway December 11, 1888, and assigned to the Pacific Electric railway company.

The franchise provides that it must be completed within two years from the date of the grant and that it must not be abandoned after completion for more than three months. Both these provisions, it is declared, have been violated. In addition, the city attorney holds that the original franchise was for a steam road and that the city has not granted permission to change the motive power from steam to electricity.

The two most important streets of record at the time the franchise was granted were State street and Soto street. The council is recommended to notify the railway company to apply for the proper authority to operate its road over the streets in question.

## WANT TO KNOW PLAN FOR RAILWAY STATION

Legislation Committee Asks Southern Pacific for Information About Type of Building to Be Erected at Fifth Street.

Definite knowledge as to the plans of the Southern Pacific with reference to the proposed new railroad station on the site of the present Arcade depot is desired by the legislation committee of the council before it consents to exempt the site from the fire limits. With this end in view, Parkin & Bergstrom, architects, were invited to come before the committee at its meeting tomorrow.

It is set forth in a communication from the firm of architects that the present fire limits leave a portion of the building outside the fire lines and a portion inside. Instead of exempting the whole building from the restricted district, Councilman Whiffen declared it ought to be included. The petitioners stated that they would be unable to build the desired type of "fire proof" train sheds under the present ordinance if they were inside the fire limits.

"We had better have them come before the committee and show us what kind of a building they are planning to erect before we pass on this question," said Whiffen and Councilman Andrews concurred.

The committee also took cognizance of the fact that in a rough sketch of the property in the vicinity of the station, the stub end of Fifth street from Central avenue east is included as a portion of the depot site and is not shown as a public street. This portion of Fifth street is claimed by both the city and the railroad company, and the street department recently removed a sign declaring it to be private property.

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Council Leaves All Items Intact—Attempt to Withdraw Normal School Proposition from Ballot Fails.

By action taken yesterday the proposed bond issue, to be voted on Feb. 25, will not be reduced by the council in a single item. Efforts of Chairman Whiffen the finance committee to withdraw the Normal School issue of \$500,000 failed and the council, by its failure to act on the rate of interest leaves it at the statutory maximum of 4 1/2 per cent.

Whiffen urged that the Normal School issue be withdrawn from the ballot because he said the Security Savings bank and others who financed the deal thought the people should not be asked to vote a single bond more than necessary. "We are now paying 4 1/2 per cent interest on our bonds. Besides, we are not obligated to pay anything for two years and the money would be idle for that time," he said.

Andrews insisted that the people have a chance to vote on the Normal School question. He declared they ought to have had the chance before the purchase was made. Topham took the same view and so did Detrick. As it required six votes to withdraw the question and there were only four in favor of it, the ballot will contain the question.

At the suggestion of Chairman Henderson of the public service commission and W. B. Matthews, aqueduct counsel, the wording of the designation of the San Fernando valley system was changed from "Chatsworth, Mission and Glendale lines" because the \$2,000,000 required is for all these trunks.

After the council meeting the members assembled informally and decided that no action will be taken on the interest rate and that the law will govern.

Plans to organize a campaign for the bonds outside of official circles are in the making and are expected to bring results before the week is over. To avoid duplication of organization and publicity work it is suggested that one small campaign committee be organized and business men who favor the issues placed on it, with officials to aid, at least, and a campaign similar to the one for the Owens river bond issue conducted.

It is expected that final ordinances on the bond election will be passed by the council at its session next week.

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## LIGHTING COMPANY DELIVERS ULTIMATUM

Two Corporations Make Their Demands—City Will Continue to Sign Monthly Contracts for Street Service.

To light the streets of Los Angeles it will be necessary to make contracts with the Los Angeles Gas & Electric corporation from month to month until the city's policy of distributing its own power or leasing to the electric corporations is fully determined. A start on the monthly contracts was made yesterday when the council authorized the board of public works to enter into a contract with the lighting company for February.

This contract will not include the 750 additional lights the council wants and has made provision for in the budget, but will apply only to those lights that are now installed. The Los Angeles Gas & Electric corporation does not want to install any more lights until it knows what the city intends to do about the Owens river power. The contract price for February will be \$630 per lamp per month, the present price. This affects 3702 lights.

Representatives of the Los Angeles Gas & Electric corporation have presented to the council gas and light committee what is called an ultimatum. They say they are willing to enter into an 11 months' contract with the city for the 3702 lights that are now installed and 50 additional lights to be placed on existing circuits or for a contract of 23 months. They will install the 750 additional lights the city wants and change 100 lights at present installed to any existing circuits not filled.

The change of the 100 lights will be made necessary by the installation of ornamental lighting systems. The locations for the 750 additional lights must be furnished to them not later than July 1 and all must be ordered by Jan. 1, 1914. The price asked is the same that is now paid for the same service.

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## TO INSIST ON CLAUSE

Board of Public Works Wants Workers Paid Real Money

Inserting a clause relating to the method of payment to laborers by contractors on city work, should not be done in the case of Hammond and Vrooman act contracts, according to a supplementary opinion rendered to the board of public works by the city attorney.

Commissioner Handley's plan undoubtedly will be followed, however, in the form of a resolution of the board stating that it will enforce the state law with respect to requiring contractors on city work to pay in lawful money of the United States or negotiable paper and not in "time" checks.

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ditions and the farmers and gardeners  
are getting busy.

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ceed himself as chairman of the  
Board of Supervisors.

One of the proposed amendments  
to the Los Angeles City Charter au-  
thorizes the sale of the surplus pro-  
duct of the Owens river aqueduct out-  
side the City limits until the City  
needs it for itself.

It is a moral certainty that the sale  
of aqueduct water outside of Los An-  
geles City limits will be to only those  
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nando or Chatsworth reservoirs, and  
provide the conduits for its flow at  
their own expense.

The indications are that the Los An-  
geles bond election called for Feb-  
ruary 25 will fail of a two-thirds ma-  
jority, except for harbor improvement  
and the Franklin Canyon water main.  
When Stoddard Jess, Arthur Letts  
and men of their class take up the  
cudgels of opposition to the measure  
it may well be believed that its doom  
is sealed.

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tled that Los Angeles will go no far-  
ther than it has already gone towards  
supplying water outside the City of  
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the Owens river commodity will be  
erected at the reservoirs of San Fer-  
nando and Chatsworth. High lines  
and low lines will be alike smashed  
within the three days following Birth-  
ington's Washday.

## JUST A WORD OR TWO

The board of trustees of Tropico  
has determined that the public interest  
and necessity demand the acquisition  
of a piece of land and the construc-  
tion thereon of a public building and  
also, the acquisition of a fire appa-  
ratus. We see nothing wrong in this.  
We believe in both propositions and  
stand ready to support them and vote  
for the bonds of the city in the sum  
of \$25,000 to carry them both out,  
either together or separately. It is true  
that the necessity for a fire appa-  
ratus is greater than for a public  
building, but there is necessity for  
both and both are demanded by the  
public interest. The city is in a bind  
both, and this thing of borrowing  
from our neighbors because it is  
"economy" to do so goes mightily  
against the grain. Los Angeles is  
generous; so is Glendale, but, if we  
want to deserve their confidence and  
ridicule we will continue a policy of  
dependence and a plea of poverty.  
The fear that either of these propo-  
sitions will defeat the other if sub-  
mitted to vote as one we believe, if we  
are unfounded. If there is not enough  
manliness and courage—the stuff that  
people of achievement and progress  
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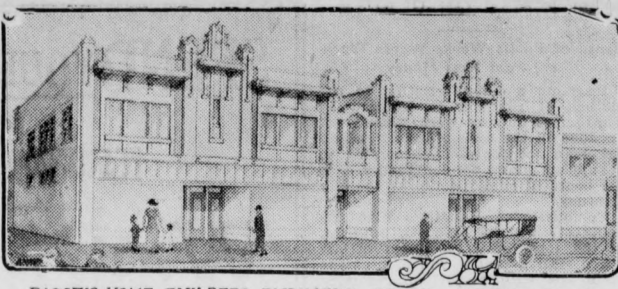
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The rapid advance of the Angelus  
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## OUR NATIONAL BANNER

(Air "Star Spangled Banner.")

Following the luncheon given by  
the officers and members of N. P.  
Banks Post and Corps at G. A. R. hall  
a splendid program of music, songs,  
and speeches was given. Mrs. Rule  
D. Meeke of Los Angeles, gave a  
number of readings, responding to  
numbered encores. Samuel Parker, aged  
82, who has met every president from  
Lincoln down, read the following origi-  
nal lines:  
From center to outpost in domain so  
wide,  
Let youth and old age join in loudest  
hozanna;  
While floating above us resplendent  
in pride,  
Is freedom's bright emblem, Our Na-  
tional Banner.  
In tranquility's hour, or when dark  
war clouds lower,  
It expresses good will—or the strong  
arm of power;  
Then let its bright folds be forever un-  
furled,  
For freedom it stands, as the hope of  
the world.

Whence cometh the source of this  
wonderful power,  
By diligent search all are able to find  
it:  
It came as a boon in a critical hour,  
With free men and women beneath  
and behind it.  
The secret it holds in its glittering  
folds,  
All nations in wonder this power be-  
holds:  
Then aloft with "Old Glory," none  
with it compare,  
The Voice of "the People" is holding  
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Oh colors most rare of the red, white  
and blue,  
None others so charming, in harmony  
blending;  
And destiny stars of a heavenly hue,  
Shine out your bright beams to earth's  
limits extending.  
'Tis the flag of the free, on the land  
and the sea,  
Respected at home and abroad it shall  
be,  
Then aloft with "Old Glory," foes  
touch it who dare,  
The Voice of "the People" is holding  
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It stands forth the banner of beauty  
and grace,  
It shields and protects high and hum-  
ble that love it;  
Enshrined in our hearts it shall have  
the first place,  
And no rag of insult shall be lifted  
above it.  
Beneath it we feel all can have a  
square deal,  
And we pledge it today new devotion  
and zeal;  
Then aloft with "Old Glory," let it  
float everywhere,  
The votes of free people are holding  
it there.  
It stands for the motto—the people  
shall rule,  
It stands for the truth that exalteth  
a nation,  
Free press and free speech—and free  
public school,  
And free worship of God, without fear  
or dictation,  
For freedom it stands—is it safe in  
our hands,  
'Tis the banner of hope for all less  
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Thursday Afternoon club at the home  
of the former. Mrs. J. E. Coleman  
of Los Angeles gave a most interest-  
ing talk on work of the Coleman  
Home association. The program was  
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## A LECTURE ON

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

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Member of the Board of Lecturers of  
The Mother Church, The First  
Church of Christ, Scientist,  
Boston, Mass.Delivered at Glendale K. of P. Hall,  
Thursday night, January 23, 1913.We are living in an age of change.  
Today more than ever before the  
words of the Apocalypse come to  
mind—"the former things are passed  
away." Behold, I make all  
things new." (Rev. 21: 1, 5.)

Probably at no time in the history  
of the world has the new displaced the  
old with such startling rapidity. A  
survey of world conditions today re-  
veals the fact that explorations, pro-  
jects and hopes which have long stim-  
ulated the imagination of mankind  
have become accomplished facts in  
our own day.

Such achievements are not acci-  
dental. What is it that has made pos-  
sible these multifarious developments  
which we are witnessing today?

When all aspects of the case are  
considered it will be understood that  
what we see in operation today is real-  
ly a mental change. Mankind is ex-  
periencing a mental transformation.

Every thinking man finds himself,  
sooner or later, face to face with the  
all-important and all-absorbing ques-  
tion, "What is God?"

In summarizing the teaching of  
Christian Science for the student,  
Mrs. Eddy, the Discoverer and Found-  
er of Christian Science, gives the an-  
swer to that question in her words:  
"Science and Health with Key to the  
Scriptures": "God is incorporeal, di-  
vine, supreme, infinite Mind, Spirit,  
Soul, Principle, Life, Truth, Love" (p.  
463).

Upon a correct comprehension of  
God depends the happiness, the peace,  
the true prosperity, and the true use-  
fulness of mankind. Nay, more—and  
this is a point which may seem novel  
to many—Christian Science shows  
that the true health of mankind is de-  
termined by their understanding of  
God and His Christ.

Perhaps in no particular does Chris-  
tian Science differ more from the  
generally accepted doctrines of re-  
ligion than in the view which it takes  
concerning the essential nature of  
man.

The commonly accepted theories of  
physiology and anatomy treat man  
as a material body so delicately fas-  
hioned that the slightest ray of re-  
fined matter may destroy his useful-  
ness and rob him of life. If by any  
chance he should escape the conse-  
quences of this, where his propensities  
and he saved from sin, he is almost sure  
to fall into the toils of disease and  
become physically disabled.

Christian Science comes to declare  
man aright. It invites him before the  
bar of justice, where his real nature  
may be set forth and his torturers  
condemned. It furnishes the evidence  
that man, made in the image and  
likeness of God, is innocent, inherent-  
ly good, naturally happy and of noble  
purpose. It shows that man is a  
nature healthy as well as good, that  
God is his Mind and his Soul, that  
his future is assured, for he is im-  
mortal and indestructible like his  
Creator, safe in the bosom of the  
Father, abiding under the shadow of  
the Almighty.

Those who have experienced in per-  
son the benefits conferred by Chris-  
tian Science are well aware of the  
gratitude which wells up in their  
hearts when they contemplate the  
heroic struggle and victory of the  
good woman through whom it has been  
given to mankind. For the sake of  
those who do not know of Christian  
Science from personal experience let  
me say that man is no longer suf-  
ficient to say merely: "I believe."  
It is now necessary to say: "I know."  
"I know that my Redeemer liveth."

In other words, the time for mere  
creeds which say only, "I believe" is  
passing away, and the dawn of  
Science is here. Divine, Christian,  
eternal and indestructible.

It was reported in San Francisco  
that the Argentine Republic has de-  
clared itself in favor of representation  
at the Panama-Pacific Exposition, this  
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terhood celebrated the anniversary of  
its inception with a luncheon Friday,  
Jan. 24, at the home of Mrs. Greta  
Lynch.

Covers were laid for thirty mem-  
bers of Chapter L. of Glendale being  
the guests of the occasion. Mrs. Edith  
Hunchbarger had charge of the pro-  
gramme for the afternoon and owing  
to the unavoidable absence of the  
speakers, read a splendid paper on  
"Fundamental Principles of P. E. O."  
by Mrs. Harriet Eshelman of Wash-  
ington.

Mrs. Bryant, President of Chapter  
L. spoke for a few minutes on "Loy-  
alty in P. E. O." and music by the  
Tropico Chapter concluded one of the  
most memorable events of the year.

## NEWS OF THE WEEK.

PACIFIC SLOPE. Dr. C. L. Tisdale,  
secretary of the state board of medi-  
cal examiners, resigned to the gov-  
ernor, giving as his reason his general  
dissatisfaction at the friction which  
has been disturbing the board re-  
cently.

The police withdrew their cordon  
about the home of the Rev. Frank  
Horn, the clergyman accused in di-  
vorce proceedings at Richmond, Cal.,  
although they believe he is still in  
the house.

The cruiser Denver sailed for Aca-  
pulco, Mex., with an increased crew,  
where she has been ordered to guard  
American interests.

The auditor of the city of San Fran-  
cisco registered a complaint at the  
niggardliness of the state in caring  
for dependents as compared with the  
open-handed policy of San Francisco.

GENERAL EASTERN. Three New  
York fruit auction companies have de-  
cided to establish a central market  
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